

TROY SCHOOL
DISTRICT



WASS ELEMENTARY VOCAL MUSIC NOTES



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Save the date!

Wass 1st Grade Informance
Thursday, February 15, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Wass 3rd Grade
Vocal Music Concert
Thursday, March 15 2018
7:00 p.m.



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What's Happening in Vocal Music?

Students are learning and experiencing exciting things in music class!

K: Kindergarten students focused a lot on rhythm and beat. After learning the poem "Two, Four, Six, Eight," they were challenged to work in collaborative teams to recreate the rhythm with plastic cups. They also passed instruments in a circle/played them on the beat to the song, "Round and Round" which reinforced steady beat.

1st Grade: Students are preparing for an annual vocal music Informance. During the Informance, which is an entertaining/informative performance,

they will demonstrate skills/concepts they have learned all year in the music room.

2nd Grade: Second grade students have been increasing their rhythm reading skills by adding half notes. This month they learned 3 folk tunes from around the world with half notes. They also worked collaboratively to recreate the rhythm of "Are You Sleeping" with plastic cups, and created rhythm caterpillars with half notes.

3rd Grade: Students are working diligently towards their annual vocal music concert. This year they will present pop songs from animated films specifically chosen

because of their positive "Growth Mindset" themes.

4th Grade: Following a very successful Holiday Sing-a-long in which the fourth graders were featured and sang in harmony, fourth graders are reviewing their rhythm skills. They not only are proving they can sing well in harmony but are outstanding rhythm keepers.

Wass 5th Grade Choir is now reviewing/reinforcing their rhythm skills following an outstanding vocal music concert "The Festival of Choirs" at Athens High School auditorium.



Second Grade musicians reinforce district elementary student growth goal: adding half notes to rhythm skills/composing rhythm caterpillars in Friday composer lab.